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Happy Thanksgiving

They say you don't appreciate what you have until you see "how the rest of the world lives" or someone tries to destroy your way of life. Over the last three (plus) tough years, the vast majority of American Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Sailors have seen "how the rest" live, and understand more clearly why our nation continues to draw relentless waves of immigrants seeking a free, pluralistic society filled with opportunity.

American citizens have concurrently seen our Country under attack by ruthless enemies of freedom, and come to appreciate the very special, uniquely-positive essence of what America stands for. The contrast is striking; the appeal of "America" imperfect but resilient, progressive and positive is irresistible to millions of people worldwide, as both a destination and a source of inspiration for a better, more fulfilling life.

This same phenomenon is what drew settlers to America's shores nearly four centuries ago. Our Thanksgiving traditions reflect a tradition of celebrating our good fortune to be able to live, prosper and grow our families in a land

where the rule of law, freedom of religion and almost unlimited opportunities are the norm. Abraham Lincoln revived the "Thanksgiving" holiday in 1863, during the most terrible war America has ever fought.

This Thanksgiving finds over 130,000 service members and civilians deployed away from their homes in harm's way. Over 900 of them wear the INSCOM patch. Tens of thousands of others will work through the holidays in direct support of them. It's appropriate for us to reflect on what it means to be an American "Soldier" during this pivotal period in our nation's history, and to redouble our commitment to our comrades-in-arms and the historic mission we're engaged in for the sake of our families, communities and collective future.

As we move into the holiday season, I also want us all to make sure that we lose none of our people — Soldiers, civilians or family members — through careless accidents. As winter comes upon us we must remember to drive with caution. Plan holiday trips carefully, make sure vehicles are winter safe and operating correctly, wear seatbelts and ensure that



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vehicle passengers do also, give plenty of travel time and never drive while under the influence of alcohol. Your families, America and INSCOM need you safe and healthy.

Thanks to each of you for all you do, accomplish and sacrifice on our Army and nation's behalf. You're making history, protecting our fellow Citizens, and giving thousands of decent, less fortunate people abroad a chance for a better tomorrow. No other nation is able, or willing, to take on this historic mission, which comes at heavy cost.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving 2004!

Maj. Gen. John F. Kimmons

902nd hosts open house



photo by Tina Miles

Sue Trainor, library technician, 902nd MI Group, stocks the shelves in the ACIC library.

by Tina Miles
902nd MI Group

The Army Counterintelligence Center library will hold its second annual Open House, Dec. 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the 902nd Military Intelligence Group headquarters building, Fort Meade, Md.

The library provides information services and research in support of ACIC analysis and production, and features a comprehensive collection of specialized books, journals, newspapers, maps, and audiovisual materials. Its resources are geared to supporting analysis for four core competencies: technology protection, counterintelli-

gence operations and investigations, force protection/combating terrorism, and information operations.

The library has been in operation since 1994, when the ACIC was established within the 902nd MI Group. The library continues to expand, adding new databases, books, online resources and global information. Projects are currently underway to modernize and provide a virtual library for users to access the library for open source material.

The library is open during regular duty hours to all INSCOM personnel, as well as other members in the intelligence field. For more information, call 301-677-6151.

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Harvey new Secretary of Army

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Nov. 19, 2004) — Dr. Francis J. Harvey was sworn in this afternoon at the Pentagon as the 19th secretary of the Army.

"This is a great honor for me," Harvey said. "My top priority will be to serve our Soldiers, civilian employees and family members of the active component, Army Reserve and Army National Guard. I look forward to working with the secretary of defense, the Army chief of staff, Gen. Pete Schoomaker; and the Army senior leadership as we fight the Global War on Terrorism while continuing to transform the force."

The Senate confirmed President Bush's nomination of Dr. Harvey Nov. 16.

"It's great to have Dr. Harvey on board as our Secretary," said Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff. "Dr. Harvey has a wealth of experience leading large organizations with diverse work forces, managing major programs and leading technology development. His education and industry experience will serve us well as he leads our Army in this window of strategic opportunity."

As secretary of the Army, Harvey has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to Army manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acqui-



photo by Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld looks on while Dr. Francis J. Harvey is sworn in by Raymond DuBois, Nov. 19.

sition, communications, and financial management. Secretary Harvey is responsible for the department's annual budget of \$98.5 billion. He leads a work force of over one million active duty, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers, 220,000 civilian employees, thousands of contractors, and has stewardship over 15 million acres of land.

Prior to his appointment, Harvey was a business executive with broad experience centered on the defense industry. He held various professional, management and executive positions within the Westinghouse Corporation from 1969 to 1997, including president of the Electronics Systems Group, president of the Government and Environ-

mental Services Company, and chief operating officer of the \$6 billion Industries and Technology Group.

Harvey succeeds Les Brownlee, who served as the acting secretary of the Army for the past 18 months.

"I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Secretary Les Brownlee for his leadership and stewardship of the Army over the past 18 months," Schoomaker said. "I speak for the entire Army family when I say his tireless efforts - to build a campaign-quality Army with joint and expeditionary capabilities, to equip our Soldiers with the best equipment and to improve their quality of life - will have an impact on the Army and ensure we remain relevant and ready for decades to come."

Looking back: Just Cause

by Karen Kovach
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It was midnight, Dec. 19, 1989. In the small pink chapel that over looked his unit's compound at Corozal, Panama, the commanding officer of INSCOM's 470th MI Brigade met with his staff and announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, hostilities against Panama will commence in two hours." Shortly afterwards, mortar rounds began to fall—the American invasion of Panama had begun. The 470th MI Brigade became the first INSCOM unit to participate in combat operations.

A long fuse led to the final explosion. In 1979, the U.S. and Panama agreed that the Panama Canal would be turned over to the host country at the end of the century. Certain posts in the Canal Zone would be jointly shared by Panamanian and American forces, but this arrangement became increasingly untenable. Panamanian strongman Gen. Manuel Noriega had cooperated with the United States earlier in his career; however, after he was indicted by a U.S. grand jury for involvement in narcotics-trafficking, he became America's enemy.

Using an expanded Panamanian military as a power base, he forged links with Castro's Cuba, overturned democratic elections with brute force, and began a program of increasing harassment against Americans in the Canal Zone. A

Marine lieutenant was shot and killed by Panamanian Defense Forces, Dec. 16. Those forces later detained and assaulted a Navy lieutenant and his wife. President George H. Bush

responded to the attacks against U.S. citizens by ordering the use of military force under Operation Just Cause.

While Air Force gun ships and bombers neutralized key



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A Soldier guards the side entrance of a "comandancia," or headquarters building during Operation Just Cause.

facilities, Soldiers, Marines, and Navy SEALs engaged the Panamanian Armed Forces on the ground. Noriega's headquarters, the Commandancia, was shattered by tank fire. At Fort Amador, occupied by Panamanian troops and the U.S. military and their dependents, there was a short, one-sided fire-fight: U.S. troops fired across the golf course fairway, which divided the two sides, and riddled the Panamanian barracks.

During the hours of darkness, Dec. 22, 1989, the 470th MI Brigade Compound, Corozal, Panama, came under heavy automatic weapons fire from Corozal Hill behind the brigade headquarters. The MI compound was flanked on three sides by family housing areas with some quarters only a scant 25 meters from defensive positions. Sgt. 1st Class Carlos R. Melendez-Madera was the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the compound defense force at this time. Quickly assessing the situation, he instructed his



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Panamanian locals show their thanks to American Soldiers with handmade signs after Operation Just Cause.

green troops not to return fire - that the enemy was most likely probing defensive positions. Melendez-Madera's action in maintaining fire discipline prevented American soldiers and family members from being injured or killed by what would later prove to have been "friendly fire."

INSCOM played a major

role in the operation's successes. Brigade personnel were intimately familiar with both the political situation and the disposition of Panama's armed forces. As a result, the brigade was immediately able to provide the Army with the intelligence necessary to perform a decapitating stroke against the Panamanian military/security apparatus.

On a hot, that is to say typical, Panama day, members of the 470th MI Brigade stood at attention while flags cracked sharply in the breeze. On that day, March 2, 1990, the 470th was presented the Panama Battle Streamer for their participation in Operation Just Cause. General Carl E. Vuono, Army Chief of Staff, pinned the Panama Battle Streamer to the 470th MI Brigade's colors, with congratulations, praise, and appreciation to all its personnel.



Bullet holes decorate Manuel Noriega's jet shot at Paitilla Airport.



photos by Spc. Melissa Haydel

Teresa Douglas takes down Jennifer Pearson in a fierce Sumo Wrestling competition.

Turkey Bowl time

by Spc. Melissa Haydel
66th MI Group

The 105th Military Intelligence Battalion, 66th MI Group came together as more than Soldiers and co-workers, but as a family during the unit's Turkey Bowl at the Kelley Barracks Gym, Darmstadt, Germany, Nov. 20.

The event, which was sponsored by the battalion's family readiness group, featured a flag football championship game, sumo wrestling, children's activities, a chili cook

off and dessert raffle.

After the football games, everyone found warmth indoors where the chili cook-off and dessert raffle were held.

While many people tasted the more than 10 versions of chili available, others like Jen Todd led a children's booth for decorating cookies and transforming oranges into turkeys, with the help of leaves and cut-out decorations. By the time the festivities were over, many Soldiers looked stuffed and ready for a nap.



Steven Trevino grabs Eric Lynn's flag during a flag football game.